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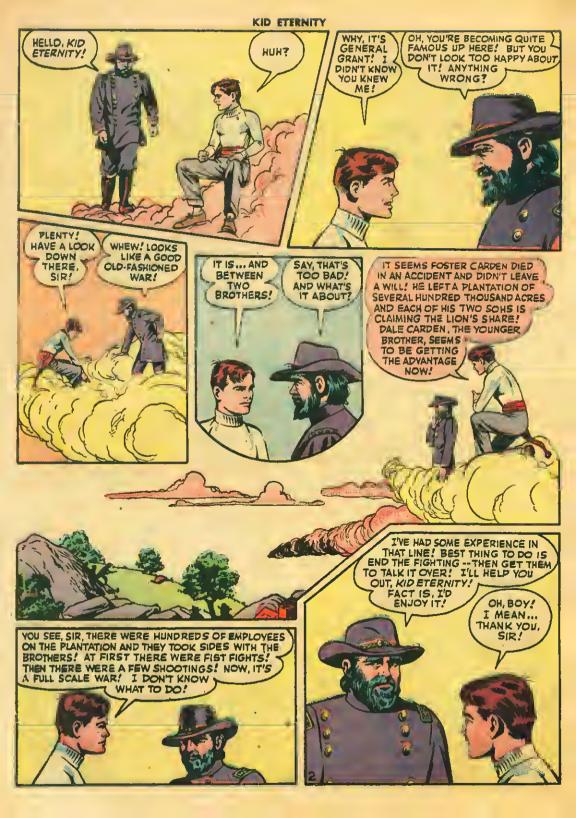




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WHY, KEEP, WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH US? THEY CAN'T SEE YOU AND I CAN MAKE MYSELF INVISIBLE! YOU MAKE WE CAN GO RIGHT IT SOUND AWFULLY OVER TO DALE SIMPLE! I HOPE IT TALK TO HIM!





















































THERE! THAT MAKES ME
INVISIBLE AND ETHEREAL,
AND HANDCUFFS BECOME
PRETTY SILLY OBJECTS!
HOW'S THE BAITLE
GOING!

MINUTE!

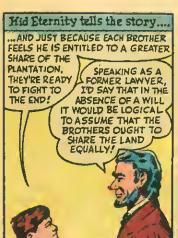
YOU'RE NOT KIDDING, KEEP! THIS IS TERRIBLE! I HAVEN'T IMPROVED MATTERS A BIT BY CALLING GRANT AND LEE! IF ONLY THERE WERE SOMEBODY WHO KNEW HOW TO MAKE PEACE BETWEEN JUD AND



BY JUPITER, I KNOW JUST THE MAN! WHY DIDH'T I THINK OF HIM BEFORE?







HOWEVER, FROM WHAT YOU TELL ME OF THEIR FEELINGS IN THE MATTER, IT WOULD BE HARD TO CONVINCE THEM! YET I HAYEN'T A DOUBT THAT THAT'S THE WAY THEIR FATHER WOULD NAVE WANTED IT! IF ONLY NE WERE HERE TO TELL THEM SO!





















































HE DID? BUT NO ONE COULD DO THAT, EXCEPT... OH, NEVER MIND! WE'RE GOING TO FIND THAT RAILROAD SHANTY!

























HE WASN'T KIDDING! THAT CANDLE WILL IGNITE THE FUSE IN ONLY A FEW MINUTES!































OF

KID!







SIEGFRIED! YOU DARED COURSE THE RING OF FLAMES TO RESCHE YOUR BELOVED! WILL YOU TAKE THAT CHANCE AGAIN? TERNITY!













home THIS IS ONE MISTAKE I'M GLAD TO TAKE CREDIT FOR! FIRST TIME I EVER REMOVED A YOU CAN'T FOOL NAME FROM ME, MR. KEEPER! OUR LISTS! YOU'RE JUST IT'S ALL YOUR AS HAPPY FAULT, KID! ABOUT IT AS I AM!

Later, after Kathryn and Pogo have been returned to their rightful home....









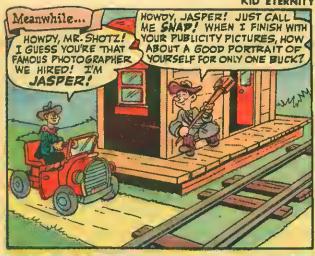








































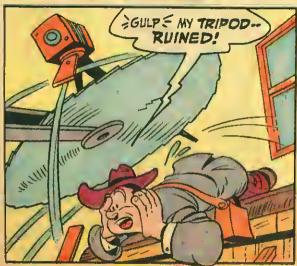










































ANTIDOTE

I CAN see it now in all its weird strangeness. The tall chimneys that thrust up through the heavy green of cypress trees; the unpainted clapboards that rose from the flat stone foundation; the moist greed verdure that surrounded the great house for several hundred yards, reaching down to the dismal swamp, and back to the edge of the dense jungle.

Brett Dunley couldn't have picked a more 'hunted' looking house. But it was just the type of habitat he would pick, I thought as I stood there on that first afternoon surveying the huge pile. Brett had welcomed me and had gone around the back to see the old negro about housing my car.

It was hot.

When Brett returned, and the colored man had driven my car slowly to the moss-covered garage at the rear, "Well, Brett, it's been five years. And now you have at last decided to write that book, eh?"

Brett grinned. He was a youngish-old man with a serious twist to his features, which were tanned a deep brown.

"Yea, Don," he replied. "Five years. Gosh, time slies, doesn't it? Remember the Solomons!"

I nodded, smiling, "Seems a hundred years. What are you writing, Brett?"

He hesitated a moment. "Not what you'd think, Don. I've

changed my mind a lot since we wallowed in the mud ducking Jap sniper slugs. My book has to do with the subconscious. It—it's pretty' deep, you know."

We talked later that night, not about Brett's book which was well under way; but about the unseen things. Brett certainly had changed. He had rows of books dealing with the occult, the invisible, voodoo, and that sort of thing.

And then Brett excused himself, saying that he had some notes to make before retiring; that I was to feel free to do as I wished; retire if I cared to.

I was tired, so I sat down facing the great window that overlooked the swamp and farther on the jungle. I closed my eyes. There was a vast silence.

Time seemed to hang. Sunset died. Twilight came . . then darkness, and soon the great silver moon slid up over the cypresses.

The ticking began softly, softly, and from far away. Like termites working in a soft timber far below the house. It grew louder. Louder. The window was open. I looked far across the mist-shrouded swamp.

I was not conscious of any movement at first. But soon I saw a slight stir out in the middle of the morass. A low line lifting, falling, undulating like a serpent stretched across my gaze. The line

evolved into dots. And now they grew larger, taking form.

I could not tell what form at this distance. The ticking was louder, like the mandibles of some ugly bat-bird clacking together.

They approached in a long wavering line, swaying, plodding, disappearing, then reappearing, rising above the mucky ooze, sinking in again. But advancing.

Advancing!

And now I could see them, make out their grotesque bodies. Horrible saucer eyes set out from heads that resembled some prehistoric horse's, great jaws that opened and closed with the eerie clicking.

They had long tentacle-like arms which they used to push the flotsam away from them; while their legs—they had more than two—s t o m p e d and pranced through the thick scum.

And they were rapidly nearing, coming toward me. I looked around for some weapon but could see none. I called out to Brett, but no sound came from my lips. With a great effort I wrenched my eyes from the terrible monsters and tried to rise, but I could not move.

Was I doomed?

The huge globular bodies of the beasts were now wholly visible, and such fantasies in flesh and blood no madman ever conceived. They were fully as big as barrels, with eyes a foot across. Long feed-

ers or antenna shook and vibrated above their evil heads. It seemed to me that they conversed thus, soundlessly.

They came on, a clicking, sloshing line of hundreds, making directly for my window.

"Brett!" 1 shrieked, making not a whisper.

I was paralyzed all over. Stricken like a rabbit in a trap, waiting for this monstrous pack of horror to devour me.

I recalled having read Poe's wild tales and tried to find a counterpart in what I was facing. It was impossible. Those things were from the very depths of the nether regions. Poe-esque to be sure, but creatures of Hades, the Pit, from across the River Styx!

Swamp fire glowed bluish where the things' feet sucked down and then pulled from the mud. Then a huge dark shadow slapped against the screen that covered the upper half of the window. A faint screech broke the night stillness. The new horror clung with long claws to the wire, making a weird chattering.

Vampire! Sucker of human blood! Satanic half-beast of the darkest crypts of foulness.

The great dark thing's eyes were evil pinpoints of flame-red as they searched through the window, seemingly leering at me. Was I to be a victim of this, only at last to be devoured by those heasts out there?

The vampire, with a thin screech, shot away from his perch, and I was left to face the creeping death in the marsh. They were close now, and I could see their

leader, several paces in advance, looking back and motioning with his arms and feelers. Calling them on, of course!

Then I noticed—the moon was very bright by now—that many in the front lines fell and were quickly eaten by those who pressed on from behind. A solid wave of the things streamed through the marsh, endless, like a rolling tide. And the awful clicking was a din in my ears.

Where was Brett? Why did he not come? Was this some terrible experiment that he had arranged? Was he in league with the terrible under-swamp forces in this mad jungle?

A freezing fear crept down my spine. Brett had seemed strange. There had been a light in his eye as he told me of his change of plans. Was the chap actually mad?

A shattering crash brought my eyes spinning to the window. A tree at the edge of the marsh, where Brett's lawn had taken hold, was quivering and leaning, cracking as a hundred of the things leaned against it. Slowly the tree leaned farther, and then it toppled with a terrific report, falling towards my window.

Its upper branches brushed against the screen. Then I saw the reason for this felling: the things had been balked because of a rather wide stream that separated the marsh from the lawn. The tree was on their side; they had simply made a bridge—a bridge that now stretched directly to me!

They were crawling upon their end of the tree now, their loud clicking telling me that this was a good stunt; that soon they would have me.

The leader was up, teetering on the slippery trunk, balancing himself, arms ten feet in the air and making toward my window.

'Suddenly the old house shook with the impact of a great body that thudded against it. I tried to draw away from the window, but still I couldn't move.

And then a great, hairy hand was reaching over the ledge, a dozen slim claws wiggling as it sought a grip on the wood. The wood crumbled under the enormous scratching. Then slowly two vast eyes lifted into sight. They were disks that swirled and revolved and changed from red to green and then blue fires.

The thing was crawling through the window. A cold wind swept over me. An icy window And the clicking was so loud it jarred my brain.

"Don!"

Brett's voice in my ears. I leaped up. The sun was shining. There were no clicking sounds. Brett was grinning.

"Gosh, Don," he said, "you fell asleep in that chair. I did the same thing in my study. A fine host I am!"

"B-but—the—" I stammered, looking at the window. Then my foot kicked a small bottle. Brett picked it up, nodding.

"Good stuff, that," he said. "I don't think I'll be bothered with those blasted ants any more. Big as horses around here, Don. You never saw such big ants."

"N-no, I haven't, Brett," I said.

















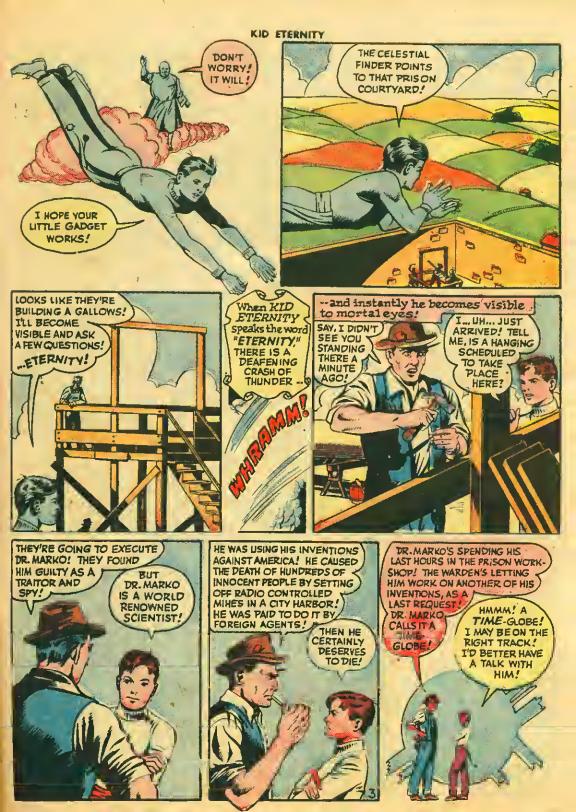
















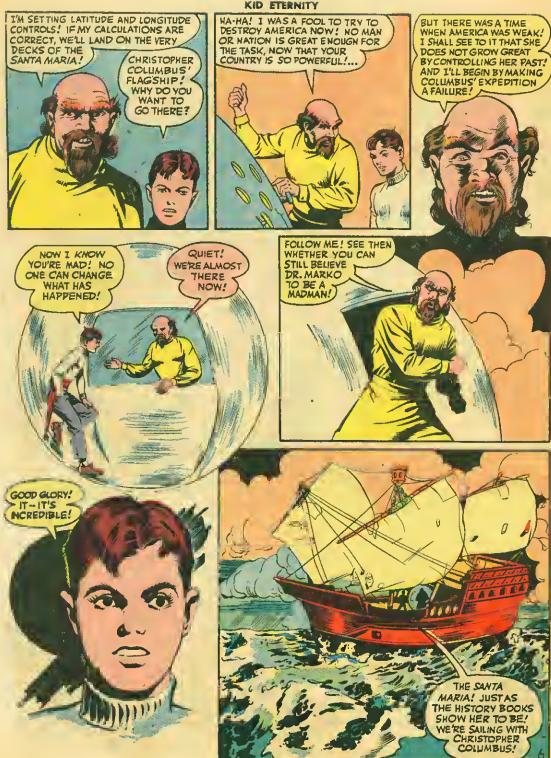
























































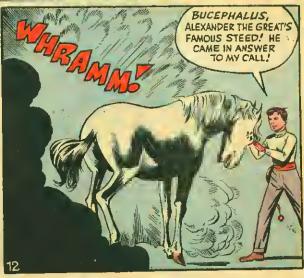






















THE HISTORY BOOKS LIST YOU AS THE FIRST CASUALTY OF THE REVOLUTION! BUT I'M GIVING YOU THE CHANCE TO DO SOME OF THE FIGHTING, TOO!

















Another adjustment of the controls of the timeglobe, and then --THERE IT GOES! I'VE SENT

THERE IT GOES! I'VE SENT IT FAR INTO THE FUTURE --TO A DAY WHEN MAN WILL KNOW HOW TO USE IT S VAST POWERS!

GENIUS WAS FAR
IN ADVANCE OF HIS
TIME! TOO BAD HE
CHOSE TO USE HIS
INVENTION
FOR EVIL!





